

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) There are two routes leading to Leg-Ladakh. One route is from Amritsar-Pathankot-Kullu National Highway and another is from Amritsar-Pathankot-Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

(b) The existing bridge on Chakki Khadd is a single lane narrow bridge which needs reconstruction as per National Highways standard. However, the existing bridge is being maintained in a traffic worthy condition.

(c) to (g) Survey has been done and project report has been prepared. The land for approaches is yet to be acquired by the States of Punjab/Himachal Pradesh for which land acquisition estimate has already been sanctioned. The reconstruction of the bridge will be taken up after the land for approaches is acquired.

Progress in Construction of National Highways

[†]2994. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep decline in the allocation for National Highways Projects during consecutive plans;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the States where the progress in construction of National Highways has been affected; and

(d) whether any reasons have been ascertained for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir. There is a constant increase in the allocation for National Highways Projects during last three Annual Plans.

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(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Grants to Rajasthan for Development of Roads

[†]2995. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided as a grant to Rajasthan during the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 by his Ministry alongwith the details of the items, programmes and the special head for which the said amount was provided; and

(b) whether the State Government has given the account of expenditure to the Centre on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) During 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 the following amount has been provided to the Government of Rajasthan as grant for development of roads:—

	Central Road Fund	(Rs. in lakhs) Strategic Roads
1999-2000	138.02	20.00
2000-2001	2655.25	0.00

(b) Yes Sir.

Criteria for Developing NH

[†]2996. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria and the basis on which Government are constructing and developing National Highways;

(b) whether any uniform policy is being adopted by Government

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